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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 23, 2002

**TO:** All Pharmacies, Dispensing Physicians, HMOs, and Blood Banks

**FROM:** Peggy B. Handrich, Administrator  
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**SUBJECT** Updated Medicaid Pharmacy Handbook

**I. Updated Pharmacy Handbook**

Attached is a copy of the updated Wisconsin Medicaid Pharmacy Handbook. The Pharmacy Data Tables section is updated and has changes to the following tables:

- Appendix 1 – Numeric Listing of Manufacturers that have signed Rebate Agreements.
- Appendix 2 – Less than Effective/Identical, Related, or Similar Drugs.
- Appendix 3 – Legend Drug Maximum Allowed Cost (MAC) List.
- Appendix 6 – Wisconsin Medicaid Noncovered Drugs – Manufacturer Rebates Refused.

**II. All-Provider Handbook Included**

CD-ROM copies of the updated Wisconsin Medicaid Pharmacy Handbook include the All-Provider Handbook and the new Disposable Medical Supply (DMS) Handbook.

**III. SeniorCare Information**

CD-ROM copies of this updated Wisconsin Medicaid Pharmacy Handbook include SeniorCare information. Additional information including the link for looking up SeniorCare covered drugs can be found at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/seniorcare/index.htm](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/seniorcare/index.htm).

**IV. Over the Counter Claritin Covered**

Wisconsin Medicaid will cover over-the-counter (OTC) Claritin (loratadine) as soon as it becomes available. Reimbursement will be at AWP -11.25%. Since SeniorCare does not cover OTCs, OTC Claritin will not be covered by SeniorCare.

**V. Additional Copies of Publications**

All Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates, as well as the Pharmacy Handbook the All-Provider Handbook, and DMS Handbook can be downloaded from the Medicaid web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/). Additional copies of the handbooks, may be downloaded from the CD-ROM.

Pharmacies will automatically receive a CD-ROM quarterly, unless they notify Provider Services that they want only a paper copy. Pharmacies may receive a CD-ROM or a paper copy, but not both.

If you would like to receive only paper copies of pharmacy materials, please call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

If you have questions about the information in this handbook, please call Provider Services.

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